



2026 DANA POINT SERIES

March 7 thru July 18, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Dana Point Yacht Club
24399 Dana Drive, Dana Point, CA 92629

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND RACE MANAGEMENT

The Organizing Authority (OA) for this regatta is the Dana Point Yacht Club (DPYC). The Dana Point Yacht Club Race Committee (RC) will manage this regatta and shall appoint a Protest Committee (PC).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#).
- 1.2 RRS A5.3 will apply.
- 1.3 [US Sailing Prescriptions](#) will apply.
- 1.4 The [US Safety Equipment Requirements](#) (SER) Near Shore Category will apply, except as modified by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 The rules of [PHRF of Southern California](#) (PHRF) will apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 This regatta is open to boats in PHRF Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker & ORCA classes.
- 2.2 PHRF fleet entries must have a valid current PHRF rating certificate.
- 2.3 One-Design classes may be established with four or more entries.
- 2.4 Where the OA receives fewer than 4 entries for a class, the RC reserves the right to reassign those boats to another class.
- 2.5 Any boat entered without a rating will be assigned a rating by the RC whose decision is final and binding and shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This Changes RRS 78.
- 2.6 To become an entrant in the series, skippers must complete an [Online Entry Form](#) and pay all fees by the entry deadline.
- 2.7 The **Early Entry Discount** for the **7 Race Series** ends **February 15, 2026**.
- 2.8 The **Final Entry deadline for the 7 Race Series** is **1800 hours, Friday, March 6, 2026**.
- 2.9 **Individual Race entry deadline** is 1800 hours on the Friday preceding each race date.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online [Official Notice Board](#) no later than March 5, 2026.
- 3.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online [Official Notice Board](#) by 2100 hours of the day before they are to take effect.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The Early Entry discounted fee for the Series is \$150. The entry fee for the Series is \$175.
- 4.2 The entry fee for **each** Individual Series Race is \$30. Race days with two scheduled races is \$60.

5. COMPETITOR'S MEETING

- 5.1 A competitor's meeting is scheduled for 0930 Saturday, March 7, 2026.

6. CLASSES

- 6.1 Classes will be based upon the type and number of entries received using PHRF Area E ratings. Any boat from outside Area E where there is no like Area E rated boat will be based upon their PHRF Regional ratings.
- 6.2 Any boat assigned a rating by the RC will be based on that assigned rating.
- 6.3 Anticipated classes are PHRF A, PHRF B, Non-spinnaker and ORCA.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Dana Point Yacht Club
24399 Dana Drive, Dana Point, CA 92629 ([Map](#))

Seven races are scheduled.

Date	Race	Classes	Course Type
March 7	Race #1	All	Random Leg
March 21	Race #2 & #3	PHRF	Buoy
March 21	Race #2 & #3	Non-Spin & ORCA	Random Leg
May 9	Race #4	All	Random Leg
June 13	Race #5 & #6	PHRF	Buoy
June 13	Race #5 & #6	Non-Spin & ORCA	Random Leg
July 18	Race #7	All	Random Leg

- 7.2 The first Warning Signal will be at 1155 hours on each series race date.

8. COMMUNICATION

- 8.1 Any changes made to this Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online [Official Notice Board](#).
- 8.2 As a courtesy, changes made to this Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions may also be posted on the Supplementary Notice Board located on the race board upstairs at DPYC.
- 8.3 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16, 68, 69, 71 and 72.
- 8.4 On the water, the RC may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors by VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 8.5 Communication Restrictions, RRS 41 – Outside Help, attention to ISAF Case 120 from the US Sailing Appeals Committee, which clarifies the application of RRS 41 and governs competitor's actions during the race.

9. COURSES AND RACE AREA

- 9.1 The race area for the Series races will be as generally shown on [Dana Point Race Chart v.9.0](#) which will be included in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2 For windward-leeward races the courses will be selected from a Buoy Race Chart Supplement and for random leg races from Dana Point Race Chart v.9.0. Both course charts will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 The Low-Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2 WL ratings shall be used for the windward-leeward races. Random leg races shall be scored using RLC ratings.
- 10.3 Boats shall be scored using PHRF Area E ratings.
- 10.4 Any boat from outside Area E where there is no like Area E rated boat will be scored using their PHRF Regional or RC assigned ratings.
- 10.5 Non-Spinnaker offsets will be used for non-spinnaker classes.
- 10.6 A boat scored TLE will receive no finish time. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 US Sailing Prescriptions Appendix V will apply.

12. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

13. INSURANCE

- 13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid watercraft liability insurance policy in an amount not less than \$300,000 personal injury and personal property damage of \$100,000.

14. AWARDS CELEBRATION

- 14.1 Post-Race festivities will follow racing on each race day at Dana Point Yacht Club.
- 14.2 Results will be announced following racing and resolution of all protests.
- 14.3 Overall Series trophies will be presented at the Series Trophy Party following racing on July 18, 2026.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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